ORDINANCE NO. 93-24

ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING PALM BEACH COUNTY ANIMAL REGULATION ORDINANCE 89-2, PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR DOG AND CAT RABIES LICENSE TAGS FOR ADULTS AND JUVENILES; PROVIDING FOR SCHEDULE OF FEES AND PAYMENTS; PROVIDING FOR GENERAL LICENSE TAG REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, adopted the Palm Beach County Animal Regulation Ordinance of 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida desire to amend the Palm Beach County Animal Regulation Ordinance of 1989 to provide for dog and cat rabies license tags for adults and juveniles, schedule of fees and payments, and general license requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION 1.

Section 2 of Palm Beach County Animal Regulation Ordinance 89-2 shall be amended to include the following additional definitions:

DEFINITIONS:

"Adult Dog or Cat" shall mean any dog or cat that is four months of age or older.

"Juvenile Dog or Cat" shall mean any dog or cat that is at least two months of age but not older than four months of age.

SECTION 2.

Section 11 of Palm Beach County Animal Regulation Ordinance 89-2 shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 11. DOG AND CAT RABIES/LICENSE TAGS:

A. Adult Dogs and Cats:

1. Every person who is the owner of any adult dog or cat, shall secure from the Animal Care & Control Division or its authorized representative an adult dog or cat rabies/license tag. Animal Care & Control shall provide suitable tags for sale through authorized representatives.

2. No adult license tag for dogs or cats shall be issued or renewed until evidence of vaccination for rabies by a licensed veterinarian has been presented. The license tag shall be valid for one year and must be renewed annually. No adult license tag shall be valid after the expiration of the rabies vaccination, regardless of the date of issuance.

3. Failure to secure and purchase a new adult tag within thirty (30) days after the previous tag expires will result in a late penalty. The Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized to establish by resolution the cost for the late penalty.

4. All adult dogs shall be required to wear a valid Palm Beach County tag, except as provided for in Section 1, Chapter 69-1432, Laws of Florida. Any person to whom a tag has been issued shall cause said tag to be securely fastened about the dog's neck by a collar, harness, or other substantial device so as to be clearly visible at all times. Dogs participating in a registered field trial, obedience trial, and confirmation show and/or match are not required to wear said tags during the time of the event.

5. All adult cats shall be required to:

a) Wear a valid Palm Beach County tag, except as provided for in Section 1, Chapter 69-1432, Laws of Florida. Any person to whom a tag has been issued shall cause said tag to be securely fastened about the cat's neck by a collar, harness, or other substantial device so as to be clearly visible at all times, or

b) Be tattooed on the inside right ear with a number that is not to exceed six digits. Such number shall be tattooed at the owner's sole expense. Each number is to be at least one-quarter inch in height and be clearly visible. Such number is to be provided by the owner on all official Palm Beach County vaccination and tag certificates.

6. Every person who owns an adult dog or cat in Palm Beach County shall be required to have said dog or cat tagged pursuant to the following schedule:

a) Within thirty (30) days after becoming an adult, or

b) Within thirty (30) days after a juvenile tag expires, or

c) Within thirty (30) days of acquiring the dog or cat, or

d) Within thirty (30) days after entering the jurisdiction of this ordinance.

B. JUVENILE DOGS AND CATS:

1. Every person or entity that is the owner of a juvenile dog or cat, shall secure from the Animal Care & Control Division or its authorized representative a juvenile license tag. Animal Care & Control shall provide suitable juvenile tags for sale through authorized representatives.

2. Every person or entity that obtains a juvenile license tag shall have the dog/cat vaccinated against rabies by the age of four months. The juvenile tag shall expire fourteen (14) months from the date of issuance if the owner obtains a rabies vaccination before the animal becomes an adult. Failure to obtain a rabies vaccination before four months of age will void the juvenile tag after the dog or cat is an adult. In such cases the owner must obtain an adult license. After the fourteen (14) month period, all owners of dogs and cats with juvenile license tags, must comply with the adult license tag requirements.

3. No person shall be issued a juvenile tag for any animal over four months of age.

4. Failure to secure and purchase a new adult tag within thirty (30) days after the juvenile tag expires will result in a late penalty. The Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized to establish by resolution the cost for the late penalty.

C. Schedule of Fees and Payments:

The Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized to establish by resolution:

1. A schedule of fees for all license tag costs.

2. A schedule of payments or handling fees to authorized representatives who participate in the sale of dog and cat license tags.

D. General License Tag Requirements for Adult and Juvenile Dogs and Cats:

1. The address of the owner shall be presumed to be the abode of the dog or cat. All changes of address must be reported to the Palm Beach County Animal Care & Control Division within thirty (30) days following such change.

2. Any changes of ownership of any dog or cat, be it by sale, transfer, or otherwise shall be reported in writing to the Palm Beach County Animal Care & Control Division by the original or new owner within thirty (30) days after ownership changes.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.

SECTION 4. REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of Palm Beach County, Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article", or any other appropriate word.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon receipt of acknowledgement by the Secretary of State.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, on the 21st day of SEPTEMBER, 1993.

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PALM BEACH COUNTY FLORIDA CLERK

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DOROTHY H. WILKEN, CLERK
Board of County Commissioners
By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

_____
County Attorney

Acknowledgement by the Department of State of the State of Florida, on this, the 29th day of September, 1993.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Acknowledgement from the Department of State received on the 6th day of October, 1993, at 11:33 A.M. and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida.

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STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF PALM BEACH
I, DOROTHY H. WILKEN, ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners certify this to be a true and correct copy of the original filed in my office on 9/21/93.
DATED at West Palm Beach, FL on 10/7/93.
DOROTHY H. WILKEN, Clerk
By: _____ D.C.